

What is claimed is:

1. A display system for soap articles, the system comprising

5 a first display shelf;

a second display shelf, such that the second display shelf is lower than the first display shelf;

a plurality of individual soap containers, such that each container holds a packaged soap article; and

10 a display rack comprising

a vertical support element affixed to the front of the first display shelf and to the front of the second display shelf,

a plurality of display modules, such that each module is supported by the vertical support, and such that a stack of soap containers may be placed in each module, each module comprising

a bottom support element which supports the stack of soap containers within the module,

a frame extending substantially around the module, such that the frame confines the stack of soap containers within the module, and

20 a slot between the frame and the bottom support element, the slot having a height greater than the height of a soap container, such that the lowermost container within the stack of containers may be removed through the slot.

2. The display system of claim 1 wherein
the bottom support element further comprises a lip, such that the lip is positioned
in the lower portion of the slot and engages a portion of the lowest soap container
5 in the module in order to retain the container within the module, such that the
container must be raised over the lip in order to remove the container through the
slot.

3. The display system of claim 1 wherein
10 the vertical support element is a pair of wires; and
the module frame is comprised of wire.

4. The display system of claim 3 wherein the module frame further comprises
a first substantially vertical rear wire segment;
15 a second substantially vertical rear wire segment;
a first side vertical wire segment;
a second side vertical wire segment;
a first front vertical wire segment;
a second front vertical wire segment;
20 a substantially horizontal wire segment attached to the first front vertical wire
segment, the first side vertical wire segment, the first vertical rear wire segment,
the second vertical rear wire segment, the second side vertical wire segment, and
the second front vertical wire segment; and

a substantially horizontal bottom wire segment attached to the first front vertical wire segment, the first side vertical wire segment, the first vertical rear wire segment, the second vertical rear wire segment, the second side vertical wire segment, and the second front vertical wire segment.

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5. The display system of claim 4 wherein

there is a gap in the top wire segment between the first front vertical wire segment and the second front vertical wire segment; and

there is a gap in the bottom wire segment between the first front vertical wire segment and the second front vertical wire segment, such that a portion of the front of the module frame is open.

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6. The display system of claim 4 wherein

a first wire is bent into a general L-shape such that the first wire provides the first vertical rear wire segment, the second vertical rear wire segment, a portion of the bottom support, and a lip extending above the bottom support;

a second wire provides the first side vertical wire segment;

a third wire provides the second side vertical wire segment; and

a fourth wire provides the top wire segment, the first front vertical wire segment, the second front vertical wire segment, and the lower wire segment.

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7. The display system of claim 6 further comprising a fifth bent wire providing a portion of the bottom support.

8. The display system of claim 1 wherein there are four modules and each module contains a different soap article.

5 9. The display system of claim 1 wherein the rack is mounted to the first display shelf with a clamp mechanism.

10 10. A display rack for soap articles, the rack comprising
a support element, such that the support element may be affixed to a support
structure;
a plurality of display modules aligned vertically on the support element such that
each module comprises
a bottom support element, such that the bottom support element will
support a stack of the soap articles,
a frame, such that the frame will contain the stack of soap articles, and
a removal slot between the bottom support element and the frame, such
that a single soap article may be removed from the stack through the slot.

15 11. The display rack of claim 10 wherein
20 the bottom support element further comprises a lip, such that the lip is positioned
in the lower portion of the removal slot and engages a portion of the lowest soap
article in the display module in order to retain the soap article within the display

module, such that the soap article must be raised over the lip in order to remove the soap article through the removal slot.

12. The display rack of claim 10 wherein

5 the vertical support element is at least one wire; and
 the module frame is comprised of wire.

13. The display rack of claim 10 wherein the module frame further comprises

10 a first substantially vertical rear wire segment;
 a second substantially vertical rear wire segment;
 a first side vertical wire segment;
 a second side vertical wire segment;
 a first front vertical wire segment;
 a second front vertical wire segment;
15 a substantially horizontal top wire segment attached to the first front vertical wire segment, the first side vertical wire segment, the first vertical rear wire segment, the second vertical rear wire segment, the second side vertical wire segment, and the second front vertical wire segment; and
 a substantially horizontal bottom wire segment attached to the first front vertical wire segment, the first side vertical wire segment, the first vertical rear wire segment, the second vertical rear wire segment, the second side vertical wire segment, and the second front vertical wire segment.
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14. The system of claim 13 wherein

there is a gap in the top wire segment between the first front vertical wire segment and the second front vertical wire segment; and

there is a gap in the bottom wire segment between the first front vertical wire segment and the second front vertical wire segment, such that a portion of the front of the module frame is open.

5 15. The display rack of claim 10 wherein the module frame further comprises

a first wire bent into a general L-shaped bracket, the first wire comprising

10 a first vertical rear wire segment,

a second vertical rear wire segment,

a first bottom support segment,

a second bottom support segment, and

an upturned lip connecting the first bottom support segment to the second

15 bottom support segment; and

a second wire bent into a containment frame, the second wire comprising

a substantially circumferential top section,

a substantially circumferential lower section,

a first front vertical support extending between the top section and the

20 lower section, and

a second front vertical support extending between the top section and the lower section, such that the lower section is supported above the first bottom support segment at a height greater than the height of a soap

article, thereby creating a removal slot so that a soap article may be removed from a stack of soap articles placed in the containment frame.

16. The display rack of claim 15 wherein the module frame further comprises

5 a bottom support element attached to the first bottom support segment and attached to the second bottom support segment;

 a first side wire extending from the top section to the bottom support element; and

 a second side wire extending from the top section to the bottom support element.

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17. A method of displaying soap articles, the method comprising

 mounting a display rack to grocery display shelves, the rack comprising

 a support means,

 a plurality of vertically arranged display modules attached to the support

15 means, each module comprising

 a bottom support means,

 a side containment means, and

 a removal slot between the bottom support means and the side

 containment means;

20 placing a first group of soap articles in a first display module; and

 placing a second group of soap articles in a second display module.

18. The method of claim 17 further comprising

packaging the first group of soap articles in a substantially transparent clamshell plastic case; and

packaging the second group of soap articles in a substantially transparent clamshell plastic case.